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1. AFRICAN REACTIONS TO SMITH'S SPEECH AND THE PRESENT
IMPASSE IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS INDICATE A GROWING SENSE
OF MILITANCY AND FRUSTRATION. WE UNDERSTAND NYERERE OF
TANZANIA HAS TOLD THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HE IS
GLAD SMITH HAS REJECTED THE BRITISH PROPOSALS: THE
NATIONALISTS CAN NOW PROCEED WITH A MILITARY SOLUTION.
MODERATE STATES LIKE LIBERIA AND RADICALS LIKE SOMALIA
HAVE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING TROOPS FOR
MOZAMBIQUE'S DEFENSE. WE DOUBT THEY WILL DO SO BUT THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY'S LIBERATION DEFENSE
COMMITTEES MEET IN LUSAKA THIS WEEKEND AND THE AFRICANS
ARE CERTAIN TO CALL FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED
STRUGGLE WHICH COULD PRESAGE REQUESTS FOR FURTHER SOVIET
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ASSISTANCE.

2. THE ZAMBIANS, AND PROBABLY OTHER FRONT LINE OBSERVERS
MAY FEEL SMITH COULD NOT HAVE MADE HIS SPEECH WITHOUT
SOUTH AFRICAN COMPLICITY. SOME WILL ATTRIBUTE SMITH'S
CONFIDENCE TO WHAT THEY SEE TO BE AN ABSENCE OF AMERICAN
PRESSURE. WHILE OUR REJECTION OF SMITH'S INTERNAL

SETTLEMENT AND OUR LETTERS TO AFRICAN LEADERS CONFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MAY HAVE HELPED MATTERS, WE ARE CONSIDERING FURTHER PUBLIC AND DIPLOMATIC ASSURANCES OF OUR CONTINUED AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT. WE ARE PREPARING LETTERS TO THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS STATING OUR OPPOSITION TO SMITH'S INTERNAL SOLUTION AND OUR INTENTION TO SEE THE BYRD AMENDMENT REPEALED.

3. WE ASKED THE SOUTH AFRICANS FOR THEIR VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS. VORSTER WILL ADDRESS HIS PARLIAMENT TOMORROW. WE UNDERSTAND HE WILL STATE SOUTH AFRICA'S POSITION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT WILL PROBABLY NOT GET INTO A SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF WHAT SOUTH AFRICA INTENDS TO DO. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE SAID THEY WELCOME A PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND CONSULTATIONS BEFORE MAKING ANY FURTHER MOVES.

4. IVOR RICHARD'S MISSION IN AFRICA IS CONTINUING AND HE HAS SCHEDULED TALKS IN BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA. HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LONDON TO DISCUSS WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO MAKE BRITISH PROPOSALS MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE RHODESIANS WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, RETAINING THE LIMITED AFRICAN SUPPORT HE HAS OBTAINED. WE ARE LOOKING INTO A RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES WE COULD DISCUSS WITH THE BRITISH.
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